

File-SRS  
OFFICE OF THE D/I

DATE: 22 September

TO: Mr. Smith

FROM: Dickk

SUBJECT: DDI Assistance to the [REDACTED]

ACTION

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25X1A

REMARKS: In addition to the briefings [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
[REDACTED] and some OCI people  
have given [REDACTED] writers to help  
them prepare a feature issue on the Chinese  
Revolution, [REDACTED] has received and prepared  
to respond to the following request:

To prepare a short antidotal article  
to be run alongside an Edgar Snow article  
praising Mao's immense personal contribution  
to China's advancement.

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[REDACTED] dutifully produced a  
hard-hitting rebuttal, which he has now  
retracted in favor of a milder, more  
diffident one, which I attach. 25X1A

Both he and I have qualms about this,  
however, and I have extracted from [REDACTED]  
reluctant promise to mention to the Director  
this added fillip to the exercise. [REDACTED]  
insists there is no chance of the [REDACTED]  
revealing the origin of the piece, and asserts  
that the editor will claim it as his own if  
queried. He was mildly astonished that there  
should be any cause for concern here.

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Unless you want to intervene, this  
protects the DDI and I will pass this on to  
[REDACTED] with a reiteration that the Director  
must be made aware of it.  
I need this back today, if possible.

R/S ok'd same date.